

Church and State were based on Republican principles. The intimate connection subsisting between the form of an ecclesiastical establishment, and the political opinions of its members, is manifest to all those acquainted with the practical working of elective institutions. In England, Dissenters almost universally support the Whigs not from love or respect, but because they are less disposed than the Tories to uphold the Church; and are more pliable and latitudinarian. In utter ignorance that they owe their safety from persecution, and, indeed, their very existence, to the shelter afforded to them by the Establishment against Popery, they idly suppose if it were prostrated, they would be advanced both in power, wealth and station. In like manner the Romanists also coalesce with them; and notwithstanding the present outcry about Papal aggression, will continue to do so, not only on similar grounds, but on a certain conviction, that if the Church of England be essentially crippled by the State, the only shield to Protestantism in Europe is destroyed, and Popery will not only be again triumphant, but universal.

It is this similarity of object that has effected a political union of action between the two most irreconcilable and impracticable bodies in the world. In nothing, perhaps, is the knowledge, skill, foresight, and untiring perseverance of Rome,